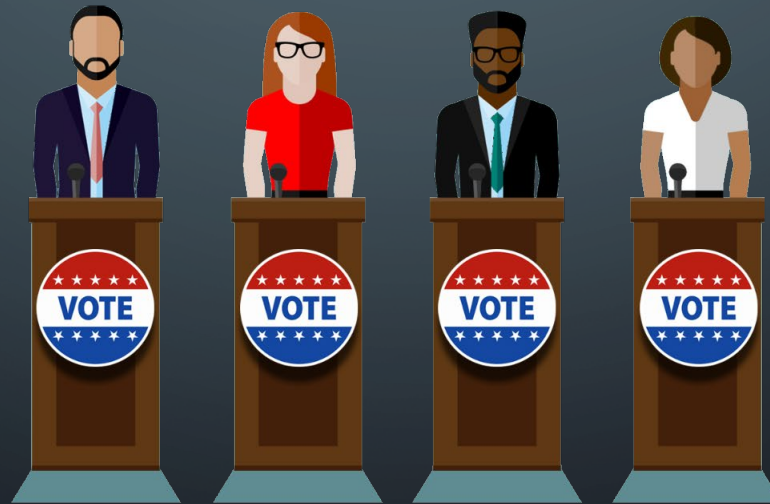


# MERCED COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

## CANDIDATE FILING PROCESS



# SCHEDULING FILING APPOINTMENTS

- Candidate filing will take place on an appointment basis.
- Candidates will be able to choose a date or time that works best for them throughout the filing period.
- Thirty minute appointments per candidate to complete necessary paperwork, including the Declaration of Candidacy.
- Appointments are available Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.



# CANDIDATE FILING PORTAL



- Candidates are encouraged to submit the Candidate Filing Form in order to streamline the filing process.
- Campaign Disclosure forms and Nomination Petitions (if applicable) can be requested through the portal prior to the candidate's filing appointment.
- It is available 24/7 and is open to all Candidates and Contests.

# CANDIDATE HANDBOOK

- Inclusive to all Candidates and Covers the Following Topics:
  - Qualifications for Office and Terms of Office
  - Nomination Documents required to be filed
  - Campaign Disclosure Information and Electronic Filing
  - Vote by Mail Information
  - Mass Mailing and Political Advertisement Requirements
  - Electioneering
  - Election Calendar
  - Election Night Results
  - Canvass and Statement of Vote

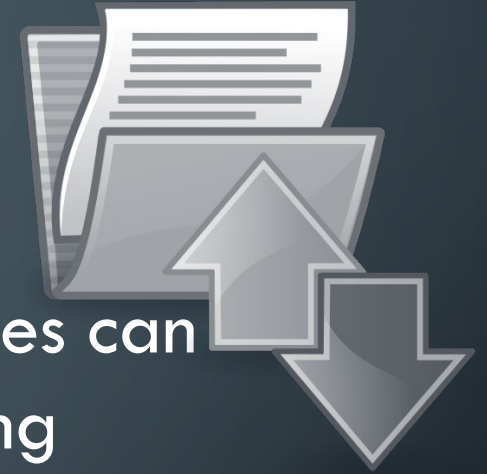


# REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

- Verifies Qualifications for Office are met
- Verifies residence address is within jurisdiction
- Determines requirements for that Office
- Determines what additional information is needed
- Prepares Nomination documents



# NOMINATION SIGNATURES



- For offices that require nomination signatures, candidates can request nomination petitions through the Candidate Filing Portal prior to appearing for their filing appointment.
- Nomination petitions are to be circulated during the Candidate Filing Nomination Period.
- The circulator portion on the back of the form is required to be completed by the person that circulated that form.
- We encourage candidates to send in their Nomination Signatures to be checked for eligibility prior to their in person visit.



# IN PERSON PROCESS FOR CANDIDATE FILING

- All documents will be reviewed for completion.
- Take Oath of Office and sign Declaration of Candidacy.
- Review optional Candidate Statement (please see Candidate Handbook for complete details).
- Collect any applicable fees.

NOMINATIONS

ARE OPEN

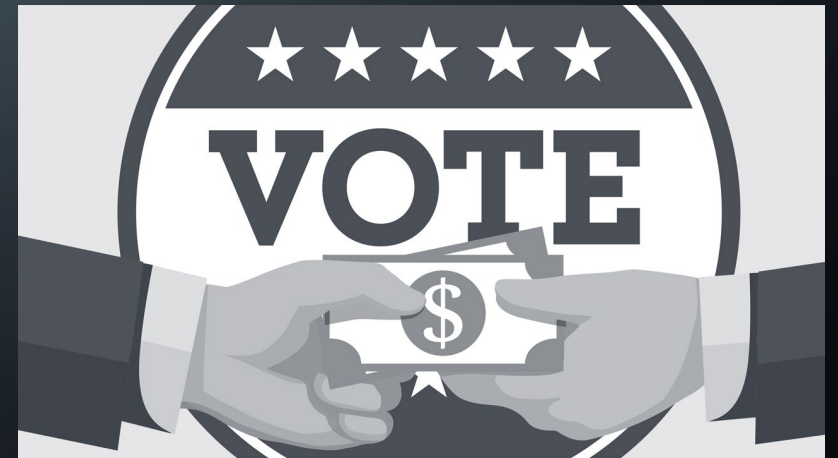
# CAMPAIGN FINANCE

[www.FPPC.ca.gov](http://www.FPPC.ca.gov)

- All Candidates are required to file a FORM 501
- Some Offices are required to file a FORM 700
- Campaign spending or receiving will determine if additional forms need to be filed

## California Fair Political Practices Commission

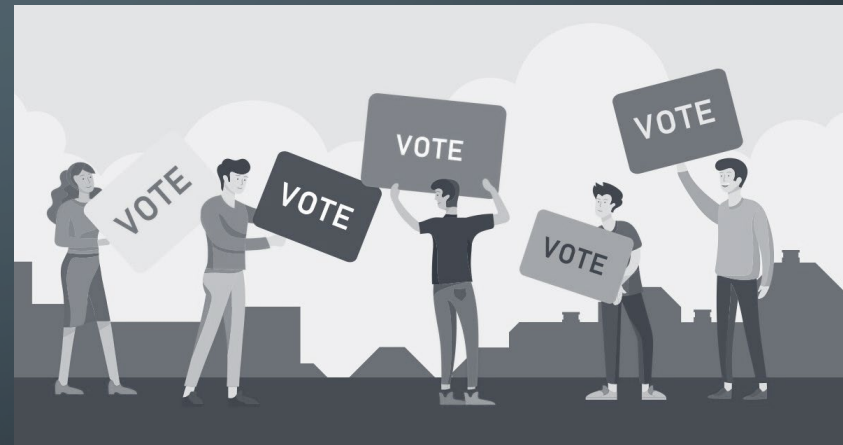
The Fair Political Practices Commission is a five-member independent, non-partisan commission that has primary responsibility for the impartial and effective administration of the Political Reform Act





# POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCES

- [Department of Transportation - Outdoor Advertising](#)
- Each City in Merced County has a Political Sign Ordinance
  - [Atwater](#)
  - [Dos Palos](#)
  - [Gustine](#)
  - [Livingston](#)
  - [Los Banos](#)
  - [Merced](#)
- Merced County Sign Ordinance
  - [Unincorporated Areas](#)



# CAMPAIGN SERVICES AND VOTER INFORMATION AVAILABLE

- [Campaign Finance Access](#)
- Vote by Mail Reports
- District and Precinct Reports
- [Voter Information Requests](#)
- Precinct Maps and Shapefiles



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